

NEWS AND GOSSIP FROM THE CAPITALS OF THE OLD WORLD

GREAT CRICKETER BECOMES A KING

Ranjitsinhji's Claim Upheld, Now Jam of Nawagar.

BOMBAY, India, March 9.—A famous cricket player has been made king of a native Indian state. The claim of Prince Ranjitsinhji, who for many years was one of the most expert and popular cricketers in England, has been successful, and he is now his highness the Jam of Nawagar.

The throne had been vacant since last August, and the prince's claim was disputed by other princes of the house of Nawagar. Ranjitsinhji was the nephew of the last Jam but one, who adopted him.

The new Jam (a Hindustani word meaning "chief ruler") is only thirty-four; and although he was educated at Cambridge, and has played cricket in England since 1895, he is an orthodox Hindu of the proud and warlike Rajput race.

WOMEN POLICE FOR GAY PAREE

So Suspicious, Say Frenchmen, They Should Succeed.

PARIS, March 9.—Paris will soon be under "petticoat government." There are women cab drivers; a few days ago a woman applied for permission to drive an electric car, and now it is proposed to establish a woman police force.

Many people are in favor of the idea, saying that women are peculiarly fitted by nature for this post. Not, of course, as ordinary policemen, where strength as well as courage are necessary, but as detectives and secret service police. It is claimed for women that they are naturally more suspicious than men, that they are not deceived so easily by appearances, and are less often on the wrong track.

It is also said that the greatest detectives have clever wives, and that it is to these they owe a great deal of their success.

KAISERIN ANGERS SOCIETY WOMEN

BERLIN, March 9.—German society women are feeling rather bitter against the Kaiserin, who they declare is growing more and more narrow-minded in her views, and who interferes altogether too much with their personal freedom, laying down iron-clad rules as to what a gentleman should do or not do, and punishing severely those who interfere with her and show their independence of spirit in their action.

The Kaiserin's latest dictum is that no lady should allow her picture to appear in public print. She is trying to prevent German ladies from adopting the newspaper photo fad to the same extent as have the English and German women, and temporary banishment from the court is the penalty she proposes to impose upon any lady of court or general society whose picture appears in any periodical, German or foreign.

In deprecating publicity seeking by women the Kaiserin shares the views of her imperial husband, who has an almost Oriental conception of woman's non-importance in the affairs of the world, and who has repeatedly declared that woman's sphere of activity should be confined to the three "K's"—kitchen, church and cooking. As a perfect materfamilias and "hausfrau" the Empress fits in admirably with her masterful husband's ideal.

MODERN GHOSTS IN WOLSEY PALACE

LONDON, March 9.—Hampton Court palace, the splendid residence on the Thames built by Cardinal Wolsey and known to every American who visits England, is said to be haunted by many ghosts of departed English royalties, but now an up-to-date company of twentieth-century spooks has been discovered there by a policeman.

The officer declares that one dark night, while he was on duty at the palace, a group of people approached, all in evening dress. There were two men and seven or nine ladies, and they appeared to be talking, but no sound could be heard but the rustling of silken gowns.

Thinking they were a party of residents returning to the palace from some function, the policeman opened the gate for them, but was astonished to see the whole party turn aside, fall into a procession, and then vanish.

The worthy constable says that he takes the apparition as a warning, for a few days later he received news of the death of an old and dear friend.

GERMAN KAISER BEGINS TO BEAUTIFY LONDON

LONDON, March 9.—The Kaiser, having dotted Berlin all over with mediocre statues of himself, his family and his ancestors until there is scarcely room for another piece of sculpture, has commenced on London.

He has presented to the British nation, through King Edward, a statue of William of Orange, who reigned over England as William III, 20 years ago. The King has decided to place it in front of Kensington Palace, "Dutch William's" chief residence.

VANDERBILT GOING ON ENGLISH TURF

LONDON, March 9.—Repeated efforts have been made recently by British sportsmen to induce W. K. Vanderbilt to take more interest in the English turf, which is badly in need of "straight" racing men with unlimited wealth.

Mr. Vanderbilt has now consented to enter his famous colt Maintenance for the Gold Cup at Ascot next June, and should the horse win the stakes would be a popular one here. Maintenance is reported to have wintered well, and is expected to have a great season.

A London sportsman who has been collecting statistics finds that in flat racing last season Mr. Vanderbilt won no less than \$200,000, while Eugene Fischhof, the Franco-American sportsman, realized the comfortable sum over jumps of \$80,000, and is expected to head the list again this season.

"Windle" Davis is training for Mr. Fischhof, who will also be represented on the English racecourse this season, and another American trainer, Duke, is managing Mr. Vanderbilt's horses.

METTERNICH OUTBID NAPOLEON FOR POPE

PARIS, March 9.—Apropos of the separation law, the Gaulois says that after his return from Rome Napoleon had the project to invite the Pope to France, install him at Versailles and assure him an independent position.

He approached Prince von Metternich, the Austrian ambassador in Paris at that time, on the subject, saying: "I have the intention to call the Pope to France to install him at Versailles, give him a pension of six million francs annually and a guard of honor. I would declare three miles around his palace to be neutral ground. What do you say to this project?"

"Sire, my sovereign will give Schoenbrunn as a residence for the Pope, he will assure him a pension of twelve million francs annually and will give him a special guard of honor. He will also declare six miles around his palace to be neutral ground."

Napoleon took the hint, and said no more, but, turning his back on Metternich, left him standing where he was.

KAISER AS FARMER RAISES PRIZE STOCK

BERLIN, March 9.—The Kaiser yearns for the life of a country squire, so he has ordered his hunting lodges, Hubertusstock and Rominten, to be enlarged and improved, in order that they may be occupied by large parties for long periods.

He is also ambitious to excel as a farmer. He is developing his farm at Cadmen, East Prussia, with the idea of making it famous for the best livestock and produce in the province, and has appointed a Scotch land steward to supervise the raising of prize cattle and chickens, and the growing of superlative potatoes, turnips, and beets.

The hunting box at Hubertusstock, not far from Berlin, is beautifully situated and has romantic associations with the Kaiser's sons, the Crown Prince, and Prince Eitel Fritz. Rominten, a recent acquisition, is in a wild district on the Russian frontier, well stocked with game. It is the Kaiser's favorite country seat, and is to be enlarged by ten additional rooms, and completely renovated.

DUPONT POWDER INVADERS LONDON

LONDON, March 9.—Mr. Maxim, vice president of the Dupont Powder Company of Wilmington, Del., has engaged a suite of rooms at the Ritz Hotel, in London.

His visit is purely one of business, and of momentous business, too. It is said that he intends to open a branch of his business here. If that be so, the struggle between his rich corporation and the powder firms of Nibel and Kynoch will be one of the most exciting industrial fights of the century.

Certainly something extraordinary is "in the wind." It is not many months since the president of the Wilmington company was in town, and he then had conferences with the heads of the rival firms in Europe.

Manufacturers of explosives in England, France, and Germany are "trembling in their shoes." Already their profits are down about to vanishing point, and with the great Wilmington firm as competitors the result must prove disastrous.

CAN DOCTOR SERVE AS OWN CHAUFFEUR?

PARIS, March 9.—Paris is making merry over the question which a medical man will shortly put before the Academy of Medicine. This very scrupulous doctor is about to ask the assembly whether a doctor has the right to be his own chauffeur.

At first sight this looks ridiculous, but viewed from all its points the question is not so stupid. A doctor who conducts his own machine would have to touch the brakes, which, however carefully kept, would still be liable to soil the hands. Then he might come into contact with the petrol or oil of the machine. It has, however, been proved by analysis that no harmful germs or microbes can exist in these oils used for the car.

Therefore the "dirty" hands of the chauffeur-doctor would be "clean" in the hygienic sense of the word, and would not contaminate any patient. Meanwhile the medical profession is awaiting the decision of the academy with some impatience.

TOOK TO HIS BED AT AGE OF ELEVEN

LONDON, March 9.—The world's laziest man is undoubtedly George Thompson, of Lurgan, Ireland. He has established a record of lying in bed for twenty-nine years, but for no physical disability, but out of sheer dislike of exertion and love of his pillow.

Thompson took to his bed at the age of eleven, since when his mother has attended to his wants while he lays at his ease. But the poor woman, who is now eighty years old, fell ill and had to remove to a hospital, and this obliged Thompson to end his long rest.

He had to be dressed by three neighbors, and the unusual exertion was so severe that he fainted. Too feeble to walk, Thompson was taken to see his mother in hospital by an ambulance, but returning he found his strength and was so impressed with the unwelcome sights around him that he resolved that he would "never go to bed again." Since he saw the outside world, the lazy life has lost its charm for him.

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